Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know the reason why the Government do not propose to publish the correspondence?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Government do not think it necessary. A similar question has been answered before.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Because the Government did not think it necessary.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Any special reason for that?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—That is all what I can say.

Thanikkudam Scheme.

14. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state at what stage the Thanikkudam scheme now stands?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Detailed investigation by a survey party under the Special Assistant Engineer for irrigation is now going on.

The site of the dam has been surveyed and levelled and borings to rock have been nearly completed. The full lake level contour is being surveyed and is about half finished.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When was this new investigation begun?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—I cannot give you the exact date.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Probable date?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—About 8 months ago.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know why no special allotment is made in the budget of this year for investigation?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Is it allotment for the investigation or allotment for the scheme that you mean?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—For the scheme.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Investigation is not mature enough to say what we propose to do or anything of the sort. Investigation is not mature enough for an allotment.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In previous years, there were also allotments for the scheme.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Probably for investigation, I think, not for carrying out a cut-and-dry scheme. Investigation is not mature enough to put before the Government a cut-and-dry scheme.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How is the investigation to be completed without any provision?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—The investigation is provided for in 1103, and the balance is provided in 1104. That is for the staff, not for the carrying out of the scheme.

Kurumali Bund.

15. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total amount spent on the Kurumali Bund till now and what they propose to do with the abandoned road;

(b) will they be pleased to get the opinions of an Irrigation expert before coming to any final conclusion in the matter?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.— (a) Rs. 24,731. There is no abandoned road.

(b) The matter is in the hands of the State P. W. D. No other expert opinion is considered necessary.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Here it is stated that there is no abandoned road. Was not the proposal at the beginning to make use of the western portion of this bund as a road from Rappal to Kuttichira?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Yes. Portion of the bund was meant to be used as a road.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it abandoned now?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—It is breached in several places. It is not fit to be used as a road.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I remember that to one of my previous questions it was stated that it is an abandoned road.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—It is breached in more than one place.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know what they propose to do with the bund?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—That is under the consideration of the Government.

Amounts spent under sections 16 (8) and 16 (9) of the Council Regulation; the questions and resolutions put in by the members.

16. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(1) the amount of money authorised by the Diwan to be spent as essential to the discharge of the responsibilities of Government under section 16 (8) of the Cochin Legislative Council Regulation since the opening of the Legislative

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